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Fort Erie Race Track will see 2014 racing season

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Brianna Spratt encourages the community to learn more about their heart health during Heart Month.

February is Heart Month

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Brianna Spratt thinks it's never too early to start thinking about heart health.

That's why 23-year-old Spratt continues to volunteer for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

A resident of Fort Erie, Spratt has been volunteering for seven years and currently serves as a captain for the Heart and Stroke's door-to-door canvassing fundraiser.

February is Heart Month, and all month long, Spratt is overseeing about 10 volunteers who go door-to-door collecting donations and educating people about the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The canvassing campaign is important because volunteers offer pamphlets and plenty of information about heart health, statistics and where every penny of every donation goes to, Spratt said.

Volunteering for the organization is close to Spratt's heart because she is interested in promoting heart health. Spratt graduated from Niagara College with a diploma in Health and Fitness Promotion, and a bachelor's degree with honours in Kinesiology from the University of Guelph.

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Wynne announces full funding for 2014 season at Fort Erie Race Track

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Race Track
will see a 2014 racing sea-

son after all, Premier
Kathleen Wynne announced

last Friday.

Although he is pleased
Fort Erie's 116-year-old racetrack
will come alive
once the horse
racing season
begins, PC leader
Tim Hudak said
Wynne's
announcement
the season will go
ahead is linked to
the Feb. 13 byelec-
tion.

The future of
Fort Erie's track
has been grim
after a three-party
panel suggested
dropping the track
from the list of
regularly funded

racetracks.

The Port Erie Live Racing
Consortium developed a
plan for the Year of the Horse
Festival in response to a new
five-year, \$400-million sus-
tainability plan for the
Ontario horse-racing indus-
try outlined by Premier
Kathleen Wynne last October
in an effort to save the race-
track.

Track officials are still
waiting for the green light
from the province to move
forward with the festival.

Hudak said the premier is
only spending this money
because she is in campaign
mode.

Hudak went on to blame
NDP Leader Andrea
Horwath for her support of

the Liberal budget.

"It was the weak and
indecisive leadership of the
NDP that allowed the slots
to be taken out of the Fort
Erie racetrack. They're the
ones that supported that
budget," Hudak said. "Half
of those job losses are on
Andrea Horwath's back."

Hudak said a long term
solution, which includes
putting the slots-at-racetrack
program back, is important
for the sustainability of the
Fort Erie Race Track.

In a press release, Liberal
candidate Joyce Moroccho
said she is "delighted" with
the news the racetrack will
see another season.

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The heart is the most vital organ in a person's body

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With a strong background in health, Spratt said it's important to encourage the community to become more aware of heart health.

"I've had a lot of people that I know that have had different heart conditions," Spratt said of why she chose to volunteer for the foundation.

"The heart is very important to a person's health and everyone knows someone that has been affected, whether it's a member of the family, a friend or themselves," she added.

Spratt thinks it's important to volunteer for the Heart and Stroke Foundation because "it's important to give back to the community."

Through her volunteer work, Spratt said she hopes to encourage youth to become more concerned about heart health. She works with schools across the Niagara region to promote fund-raisers such as Jump Rope For Heart for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"My goal is to try to promote heart health by being active, having fun and finding ways to play," she said.

"The heart is a muscle and you need to work it out just like any other part of the body," Spratt added.

There are a variety of ways people can improve their heart health such as eating right, talking to a doctor and exercising.

Spratt said people can take small steps to improve their heart health.

"Walking is great. People think they have to run or do push-ups to do heart healthy," Spratt said.

"But being heart healthy can be as

simple as taking a leisurely walk with a buddy."

For more information about how to get involved

with the Heart and Stroke Foundation call 905-938-

8800 or visit www.heartand-stroke.ca.

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Bouquet for a kind pedestrian

A bouquet for the person who stopped to assist me when I was hurt. On Jan. 15, I fell on Jarvis St. and broke my ankle.

A kind lady stopped to assist me and called 911 and she staid with me until the ambulance arrived. Others also offered to assist me. Everyone that day were so kind and helpful and I would like to thank you all for your support. I'm very grateful to you all.

Brick for drivers who could stop to help but didn't

A brick for all of the people who saw two people stranded in their car at the Corner of Gilmore and Sunset Rds. and didn't stop, even if they could help. I came across

the stranded drivers at about 7 p.m. and they were holding a piece of paper against the driver's window. I felt terrible for not stopping, but being alone, I couldn't stop. Please get a cell phone and I sure hope you didn't have to wait too long for help.

Brick for people who dispose of their garbage in the wrong place

A brick for all the people who do not know that a local store is closed now and the garbage bins are gone, or don't care. They still drop off their garbage where the bins use to be. How would you like it if people started dropping off their garbage on your property and maybe have rats on your property. Don't be so cheap take your garbage to the dump!

Brick for people who don't vote

A brick to all the people who won't vote in the byelection this week, but choose to complain when our political leaders impose changes that they don't like. I am so sick of people complaining, and now doing anything to make the situation better. If we want change, we have to do it ourselves. Life is what you make of it, and we should do what we can to make it better.

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SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Our Lady of Victory Grade 5 student Mona Nasief shared his passion for space when he gave a speech in front of his peers last Wednesday. He was one of more than 30 OLV students in Grades 4 to 6 that participated in the Speak Out Festival, a speech contest. The top junior and senior speakers from the event will go on to compete in a school board speaking contest against students from other schools in the Niagara Region.

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Council approves budget

Fort Erie council approved its 2014 operating and capital budgets Monday night.

The Town of Fort Erie's taxes are set to rise 2.72%, or \$24 per household on average this year.

At \$20.56 million, the operating budget came in at less than 2013 figures due to an increase in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund agreement with the province.

Additional supplementary budget requests saw the final general levy increase to \$21.5 million.

When the school boards' and Niagara Region's budgets are factored in, the municipal taxes will rise by about 1%. This year's budget increase is the lowest budget increase in eight years for Fort Erie residents.

Key projects for 2014 include the replacement of heavy rescue equipment used by the fire department, a new roof for the Crystal Ridge Arena and improvements to the Thunder Bay storm sewer and Schooley Rd. storm sewer outlet and drain.

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Time to have your say

It's hard to believe, but the day to vote replace Liberal MPP Kim Craitor is final here.

Last week, we featured a profile on the candidates—all eight of them—to help readers learn more about their choices.

The candidates featured in last week's edition of the Times include Green Party candidate Clark Blitter, Freedom Party candidate Andrew Brannan, NDP candidate Wayne Gates, Libertarian candidate Stefanos Karatopis, PC candidate Bart Maves, Liberal candidate Joyce Morocco, Independent candidate Tim Tredwell and People's Political Party candidate Troy Young.

When you head into the voter's booth—and we hope you do today—we hope that we helped you make a more informed decision on your choice on a representative for

the Niagara Falls riding.

It may not seem like it, but every vote counts.

If people choose not to vote, it is unfortunate. There are a number of issues that the new MPP will have an impact on, especially here in Fort Erie. If people choose not to vote, their voice isn't heard.

With a new speedway on Fort Erie's horizon and work to be done to ensure the racetrack continues to see horses racing in town, it's important to take the time to research and choose a candidate you feel would best support the needs of Fort Erie residents.

Voting will only take a few minutes of your time and it can easily be done during a lunch break or after work.

Sparring a few minutes today to vote will have an important impact on Fort Erie's future.

letters to the editor

Service clubs make a difference

Dear Editor,

There is no doubt that our town of Fort Erie is undergoing tough economic times.

So much is beyond the control of the average citizen and smaller business owners in town. Sometimes the belief that we are at the mercy of our governments and helplessness dominates our minds and attitudes while we sit back and wait, hoping for things to change.

The challenge for most of us who are between the ages of 30 to 50 is that we are coming out of a period of great prosperity and personal financial wealth that we have either forgotten or never learned the meaning of what a true community means.

The good news is that the

generations that came before us had this figured out and we only need to take a step back and realize that they have been here before and look at what they did and how they functioned as a community during tough economic times.

But it will take an adjustment of attitude for all of us to make this work. That is why I joined a local service club.

Today's service clubs are a dying breed, yet their need and value has never been so high.

Like a soldier believes it is his or her duty to serve their country, what if we all adopted they same principal towards our communities?

Money is tight and the bingo funds are not what they used to be, now more than ever, service groups in Fort Erie are in need of volunteers and brainpower to continue their long standing traditions of community service.

The beauty of this is that everyone can contribute in some way shape or form. Out of work and have time on your hands? Donate some time and become a member. Own a business and can't make a large donations, no problem, even small donations will make a difference if everyone kicks in.

Fort Erie has a proud history of supporting their service clubs which is a great part of our identity that we need to expose more. Never has the need for service clubs been so great in the last few decades as it is now. Money isn't flowing through our bingo halls or slots like it used to, so we need to go back to a time when none of that existed, when service clubs were the bread and butter of community.

Most importantly, by joining these clubs, we are going back to a time when human interactions was dominant and we cared about each other and



Do You Remember?

Thank you to David Duchesne for calling in to identify his mother, Janet Duchesne in last week's picture taken at the Fort Erie Public Library, Centennial Branch.

Mrs. Duchesne's art was chosen for the first exhibition of local artist's work at the

library. The photo was taken in 1942 and shows Janet Duchesne (on the right with one of her paintings) with librarian Lynda Goodridge on the left.

We also heard from Rick Plato in Nova Scotia who fondly remembers Mrs. Duchesne as the best teacher

he ever had at Our Lady of Victory school.

Who are the happy couple in this week's Valentine photo? If you know their names and the date of the wedding, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

looked after each other.

A time when we knew our neighbors and their families and we supported each other through the tough times.

That is how we strengthen our community, not through the economy but basic networking and support and traditions. These clubs do so much work and they can do even more with more volunteers and more supports from local businesses.

From fund raising for charities to simply providing toys for children during the holidays to honoring our locals through awards, we are not helpless, we have the power to get through this together.

Contact town Hall, (905 871 1600) and research what local service clubs there are in town and find one that appeals to you and attend your first meeting.

Each and every member to a local service club is the equivalent of putting a mil-

lion bucks back into the community. Think about it. It is our duty to give back when we can.

Greg Bonito
Fort Erie

Reader: Dominion Road among worst in Ontario

Dear Editor,

If a person is looking for a site to self-administer a skilled driving test, try Dominion Rd. between the intersections of Buffalo and Bernard Rds.

I realize there is considerable unhealthy competition in the province, but if this stretch isn't in the running for the worst road in Ontario, it should at least get dislhonourable mention.

Swerving to avoid deadly

potholes while being cognizant of oncoming traffic is a challenge for even the veteran driver.

I was astonished by the abrupt sight of these crevices upon approach, quickly realizing the danger they pose as well as the imminent threat to the pocketbook.

Driving a motorized vehicle in Greater Fort Erie has taken on a new dimension, perhaps more compatible with the young drivers of tomorrow, who are preparing themselves with toggle-control proficiency in simulations of obstacle course races on the video screen.

We can be thankful for another fresh mix of ice and snow to level the road surfaces for us now, because there doesn't seem to be a suitable material with the desirable properties of bonding and longevity for a decent restoration.

Robert Tripp
Ridgeway

opinion page

Learn how to fix up your dream house from expert Keith Overend



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

Do you dream of fixing up an old farmhouse, or of restoring a neglected architectural treasure?

What is that kind of project really like, and where does that passion take one?

Find out without getting your hands dirty or your

credit maxed out from Keith Overend when he visits the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on Wednesday evening, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. for an informative, enjoyable program sponsored jointly by the library and the Bertie Historical Society.

Keith has over 20 years of experience in the renovation and restoration of older homes, including work as a trim carpenter and in a custom cabinet shop.

He has studied engineering, historical roofing, masonry preservation and window preservation; worked as an inspector, and has a profound respect for proper building. He will talk about heritage—learning the history of your specific

home, as well as general practices, including the use of nature in landscaping and rediscovering the energy efficiencies builders have used since Victorian times.

His belief is that even the most daunting of restorations is actually cost-effective in the long run.

Keith's presentation is free, and the public is invited. Perhaps the evening will inspire readers to look at resources in the library collection, including: Mike Holmes' book *Make it right: inside home renovation with Canada's most trusted contractor*; *Well-preserved: the Ontario Heritage Foundation's manual of principles and practice for architectural conservation* by Mark Fram, and Martha

Stewart's *New Old House: restoration, renovation, decoration, landscaping*. Any of these books may be reserved online at www.fepi.ca.

Valentine's Day is almost here! Children of all ages may drop in to create a free Valentine craft today at the Stevensville and Crystal Ridge branches, beginning at 2 p.m., and on Friday at the Centennial branch from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. If you love Legos, join the Lego Club on Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Centennial branch.

The Harry Potter Club got busy making plans last month, and next week, they'll be busy making butterbeer.

If you are in Grade 5 or up, you are welcome to join

in the excitement on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Crystal Ridge branch, or on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Centennial branch. Please register now for the session of your choice, and bring \$2.

Teens who like to read are welcome to try out a book group just for them today at 3:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch of the library.

There will be snacks and a chance to chat about the books that are keeping teens on the edge of their seats, all for free.

Teens and adults alike may now mark their calendars now for the Thursday, Feb. 20 screening of *The Book Thief*, based on the bestselling book by Markus Zusak. This film adaptation

stars Sophie Nelisse, Emily Watson and Geoffrey Rush. Admission for movies is \$3, and Thursday evening films begin at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb. 25, *The Book Thief* will encore at the Crystal Ridge branch, beginning at 2 p.m.

Please note that all branches of the library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17. Our website is always open at www.fepi.ca for browsing, access to e-resources and placing holds.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator for the Fort Erie Public Library.

Sanctuary Centre for the Arts renovations include patio and brewery



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CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Nadine Foersterberg

Well, I don't know if you've noticed but there is a big hole in front of The Sanctuary.

It does look a little like a meteor came crashing down but I promise you that it will turn out great. This hole is where the new stair will be bringing people from the tap room to the patio. Just picture a nice warm summer night sitting on the patio and enjoying a nice cold beer. As a German girl, I have to say there is nothing better than that.

In other news, Brimstone Brewing Company as you may know has been busy preparing their brewery downstairs as well. They are getting ready to receive the

equipment that will make them a 15 hl brewery.

During construction, the retail store for beer sales and bottle returns will be open on specific dates, so please keep an eye on Brimstone's Facebook, Twitter and website for more information.

Quick reminder: If you are looking for something fun to do for Family Day on Feb. 17, pay The Sanctuary a visit. The Fort Erie Arts Council is offering Family Day activities from 12:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. The lovely Miss Hazel will read stories to the children at 12:15 p.m.

Bring your own sock and create a fun puppet or decorate cookies at 1 p.m. Wiggle and Whirl as you hoop around at 3 p.m. (bring your own hoop).

All activities are free for members. Sign up with The Fort Erie Arts Council the day of the event and receive benefits year round or pay a small fee.

Mark your calendars for Feb. 22 when The Balconies supported by Say Yes and The Maysides are rolling into town. Doors will be open at 2 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m.

brought to you by Brokenvan Production.

Let me introduce the bands to you. The Balconies rocked your ears a couple of years ago at The Sanctuary with Jacquie on the microphone with her deep rock lungs, backed by the rippling rhythms of Lam and Stephen.

Now, they are coming back to see you. The Balconies have shared the stage with Cold War Kids, Mother Mother, Devo, Sloan, Stars, Wide Mouth Mason, Big Sugar, Tokyo Police Club, Bad Religion, Little Sons, and the Sam Roberts Band. Quite the line-up — if I dare say so myself.

Say Yes is a three piece rock band from Ontario, featuring former Alexisonfire drummer Jordan Hastings who is the primary songwriter, Adam Michael from Saint Alvia and Michael Zane. Say Yes is band 15 years in the making.

Ontario band, The Maysides will be playing their first show in Niagara ever.

They are very excited to play for you and frankly, so are we.

It is safe to say that this show will rock you from head to toe. Just make sure you don't spill your beer Brimstone.

For more information on all our events, classes and shows, please visit www.thesanctuary.org or follow us on Facebook and

Twitter.

Nadine Foersterberg is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

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New apps including Explore Niagara unveiled at launch party

Walter Deveau
Special to The Times

Over 100 eager locals showed their support last Thursday by attending the

Explore Niagara launch party. Hosted at the Bridgewater

Country Club, party guests sipped wine from Collo Winery and sampled cheese from Upper Canada Cheese Company, while also listening to music performed by Request Entertainment Inc.

Wish you had a ShopNiagara.ca orchestrating its development, Explore Niagara has been able to condense the majority of Niagara Region into a half-square inch of real estate in the App Store. For ShopNiagara's 7th anniversary, the architecture of the website was redesigned by Walter

Deveau, of Tech Services Niagara, bringing it into the mobile world.

Today's technology has allowed Deveau to optimize the site for better navigation and touch-screen compatibility.

The launch of Explore Niagara, has linked both web and mobile versions of ShopNiagara to cater to residents, businesses, and tourists.

Interactive features for users include posting events, photo sharing, social media and radio streaming, all of which entice users to download and use this free app on a regular basis.

Currently, advertising space is also available for businesses, shopping centres, industry and corporate enterprises.

During the launch, several

other apps were unveiled, including a new restaurant app, survey app, injury attorney app, and church app.

Deveau explained and showcased responsive web design by featuring www.techservicesniagara.com and www.niagarawebdesigns.com, two websites that fit easily into any device.

For more information about Explore Niagara, call Tech Services Niagara at 289-479-5420.

If you were unable to attend Tech Services Niagara will be doing demonstrations at Club Roma in St. Catharines on Feb. 20 during the 19th Annual Niagara Small Business Trade Show from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Road, St. Catharines

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Racing calendar is expected to be finalized by the end of February

From Page 2

"As I've said this all along, Premier Kathleen Wynne was crystal clear that there was a sustain-

able future for the track and the hundreds of local jobs," she added.

Morocco said she met with Wynne, Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin and

Economic Development and Tourism general manager Jim Thibert to "find a sustainable path forward for jobs" in Fort Erie. After months of months

of "constant pressure" on the Liberals from horse racing families, Fort Erie council and Thibert, NDP candidate Wynne Gates said in a press release the provincial government has finally listened.

"We are proud to have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with these groups from day one," Gates said.

"They didn't stop and weren't going to stop and now the people of Fort Erie got their track back. We're happy to support them and will continue to support the people of Fort Erie long after this byelection is over," he added.

Thibert said he couldn't speak about the details of the new season as they are in the process of being finalized over the course of the next few weeks.

Last Friday's announcement that the racing season will go ahead is important to let horse trainers and jockeys know there will be

“**...We still have to go through the usual process we've gone through in the past, but now we can let the horsemen know to go ahead and pick up their stall applications.”**

— Jim Thibert

a racing season this year.

"The 'I's and the 'A's are dotted. We still have to go through the usual process we've gone through in the

past, but now we can let horsemen know to go ahead and pick up their stall applications," Thibert said.

In a letter posted on the Ontario Racing Commission's website, John Snobelen, one of the individuals responsible for implementing the Ontario Horseracing Partnership Plan, let Wynne know that the money has been secured for a full racing season at the

"I wanted her to know a core product has been put together and the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association of Ontario has been working with Woodbine and Fort Erie over the last month or so," he said.

Snobelen said he is confident there is "enough money to keep the two places going" and the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium is expected to meet with provincial agencies to discuss the 2014 season funding.

The 2014 race season will be similar to last year's season with about 40 race days, he said.

"I'm working hard to get a racing calendar before the end of February. The timing of the letter (Friday) allows time for horse trainers to make decisions about where they will go to race as training starts in March," Snobelen added.



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Fortunately, a vaccine is now available to boost your immune system and help to prevent shingles and its complications. It is called Zostavax and is available to adults over 50 years old. The vaccine cannot be used if you are already experiencing symptoms of shingles. It is only used for prevention. The vaccine is given as a single dose by injection just under the skin of the upper arm by a doctor or trained nurse. As all medicines and vaccines can have side effects, some people may experience redness, pain, swelling, or bruising at the site of injection or headache. These are the most common unwanted effects, but they are usually minor. This vaccine was found to reduce the risk of developing shingles by about 50-70% (depending on your age) within the first year after receiving the vaccine.

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SANCTUARY CENTRE FOR THE ARTS Special to The Times
From left, brothers Brandon Griffiths and Teo Griffiths participate in an art class at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts. The Sanctuary is hosting a variety of activities for children on Family Day.

Plenty of fun planned for Family Day

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Family Day is meant to be a day of fun, excitement and time spent with loved ones.

To make the day memorable, The Fort Erie Arts Council is has a list of activities that are sure to entertain and delight the young and the young at heart with Fun Day on Feb. 17 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

"This is the first time we are hosting something like this," said FEAC event committee member Donna MacLeod.

The event includes Storytime with Miss Hazel, Hazel Reinhart, the former children's program director for the Fort Erie Public Library, will share stories with children and share from her collection of stories.

Children are also invited to decorate cookies, make sock puppets and learn how to hula hoop.

MacLeod said the activities are free but donations will be

accepted for the FEAC.

"We do believe there is a need for Family Day events in Fort Erie," MacLeod said.

She encourages families to stop by the Sanctuary for fun.

For those that love to skate, Family and Children's Services is sponsoring free ice time at nine locations across Niagara, including the Fort Erie Leisureplex from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For history lovers, Earl Plato will launch his new book, *The Wintemute Warriors at the Fort Erie Historical Museum*.

Plato's new book tells the story of Philip Wintemute and his five sons. Readers can follow the Wintemutes' journey from Palatinate, Germany as they fled from religious persecution and settled in America. The Wintemutes served in Butlers Rangers and fought for the Crown during the American Revolution.

He will be on hand at the museum from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. to autograph copies of his book.

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Sanctuary Centre for the Arts
• Storytime with Miss Hazel, noon to 12:45 p.m.
• Cookie decorating, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
• Make a sock puppet, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your own socks from home.
• Hula Hoop Dance, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Family Day Free Skate
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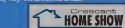


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Heritage Arts Legacy aims to highlight Niagara region's history

Charles Davies
Special to The Times

Heritage Arts Legacy, for the past 10 years, has con-

ducted a number of events that identify those entities

from a part of our past—historical sites and events, arts, crafts and sports.

The group's mission statement is to create a legacy of history through the eyes of the artist that span the bi-national spirit of Fort Erie, Niagara and western New York.

The most recent event held by the Heritage Arts Legacy was an art display in December at Bertie Hall, which featured paintings, glassware, historical writing and wood carving by the local artists.

The event honoured Brian McNamara, who painted pictures over 40 years of local buildings such as St. Paul's Church and the original Rose Seaton School.

Alison Barkley, a skilled wood carver, presented a wonderful display of her work, carvings that showed the intricacy and fine detail of her craft.

Val Gear displayed his metal work and Peter Gudranas presented a display of his glassware.

Antiquarian Helma Holmes had a table of antique items, including a set of original Hardy Boys novels by W.H. Dixon, a writer whose real name was Leslie McFarlane, a pioneer in the Boy Scout movement of Ontario.

A guide book written by June Chipp was on sale for those interested in taking a self-guided tour of Fort Erie to view sites such as the old ferry dock, Mackenzie's Crossing and many other places of historic interest.

Those who attended may not have been aware that they were standing in the presence of history: Bertie Hall built by William Forsyth in 1827, has had a long, eventful journey through time. The aura of the Forsyth family can still be felt within the walls as you walk about

the large rooms with 12-foot ceilings and climb the 20-foot curved stairway to the second floor.

It stands vacant now. It is hoped that someone will take the initiative to reopen Bertie Hall as a Legacy of our past, similar to the McFarlane House and the Home of Laura Secord.

The Heritage Arts Legacy committee also looks for young talent in the community. Last year, Jessica Fickel was presented with a \$500 award for her skill as a hockey player.

Recently, she has proven that skill as a member of the Brock University hockey team by scoring five goals and two assists in two games. Two of the goals were scored short-handed, and Fickel was recently named Ontario University Female Athlete of the Week.

Charles Davies is a member of the Heritage Arts Legacy, a group dedicated in preserving heritage, arts and sports in Fort Erie.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue volunteer Robert Wyer feeds Pete, one of the horses at the horse sanctuary. The rescue is holding a Valentine's Day fundraiser to help purchase bales of hay for the animals. The Last Chance Horse and Pony rescue is calling on the community to purchase a heart for \$5 and give it to a horse at the sanctuary.

Give a heart to a horse in need

➤ Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue holds Valentine's Day fundraiser

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Have a heart and support the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue.

The sanctuary, which cares for former thoroughbred horses and abandoned or injured horses, needs the community's help.

The sanctuary is hosting its annual Have a Heart, Hay a Horse Valentine's Day fundraiser, said Sanctuary owner Sharon Allen.

Allen said individuals may donate \$5, to give a heart to the horse or his or

her choice.

Allen said the horse with the most hearts "is the winner" and everyone who gave that horse a heart will have a chance to ride him or her, providing the horse is healthy, on Family Day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"The money from the fundraiser will be used to buy more hay. We go through 100 square bales of hay a week," Allen said.

"We're always buying hay."

Allen is grateful for the community's continued support for the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue.

"I appreciate anything anyone does for me," she said.

People who make donations of \$10 or more will receive tax receipts. For more information about the Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue call 905-894-9262.

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Who will be selected for Fort Erie Time's 1st Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards?

We're extremely proud of the contributions volunteers make to our community. We all know many of these often unseen heroes who add so much to the quality of life in Greater Fort Erie - let's put their names forward for official recognition by the The Fort Erie Time's and its Readers and the Citizens of Greater Fort Erie in a special section in the Fort Erie Times during National Volunteer Week. Simply complete the nomination form, submitting the volunteer's name in one of the following categories:

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In addition to the 12 categories listed, if you wish to submit a new category for recognition please submit the category and we will give it consideration to be added to the list. All names submitted must include a letter of supporting information stating why your nominee should win. Nominations will be gathered by the Fort Erie Times to be forwarded to the selection committee. One volunteer in each category will be selected to be honoured by the Fort Erie Times at a special ceremony and will be profiled in the Fort Erie Times during National Volunteer Week.

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1. Complete the nomination form along with a brief note outlining the nominee's contribution by FRIDAY MARCH 14th 2014.

2. Mail, fax, phone, e-mail or drop off your nominations to

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3. Selected volunteers must agree to appear in a special feature story or another nominee will be selected.

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: SULLIVAN MAHONEY (T.RICHARDSON)

OWNER: J.E.PASSERO, M. REINHART, O. MARINARO, M. PASSERO, J.A. PASSERO, G. VAMPLEW

FILE # 350309-0376

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 26-14** on the 10th day of February, 2014 under section 34 of the Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 5th day of March, 2014, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca**.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 26-14 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map as follows:

Parcel 1 from "Existing Commercial Use Holding (ECU-408(H) Zone)" to "Existing Commercial Use Holding (ECU-408(H) Zone)". The lands shall comply with the Existing Commercial Use (ECU) Zone, except for the following special provisions:

- These lands may be used for refurbishment, repair and servicing of goods and retail sales.
- "Goods" are defined as electronics, toys, tools, house furnishings, white goods and lawn and garden items.
- A maximum lot coverage of not more than 45%.
- A minimum front yard setback of not less than 6.0 metres.
- A minimum exterior side yard setback of not less than 1.5 metres abutting Garrison Road and 1.8metres abutting Pound Avenue.
- A minimum rear yard setback of 0 metres.
- That no outside storage of goods, materials, waste materials, finished or unfinished products, equipment or parts shall be placed, kept or allowed on the site.
- Notwithstanding the requirements of Loading Space Regulations 6.12(e), loading spaces will be permitted not less than 4.0 metres from the northerly property line.
- Notwithstanding the requirements of Schedule D parking spaces on the west side of the building shall have a minimum aisle width of 3.0 metres.
- Notwithstanding the requirements of Ingress and Egress 6.20(a)(ii), the maximum width of any joint ingress and egress driveway ramp measured along the street line shall be 60 metres along Barnhart Street.
- Notwithstanding the requirements of Ingress and Egress 6.20(a), the site shall be limited to 5 driveway entrances.
- Notwithstanding (g) outdoor storage of materials in tractor trailers for a period of up to 30 days shall be allowed in the existing buildings.
- Notwithstanding the requirements of Parking Area Requirements 6.20(a)(vi), the portions of truck parking areas between the two existing buildings south of Pound Avenue, not including the area of the loading docks and the tow motor path may be gravel. All loading docks and the tow motor path shall be an asphaltic surface or such other hard surface as may be acceptable to the Town.

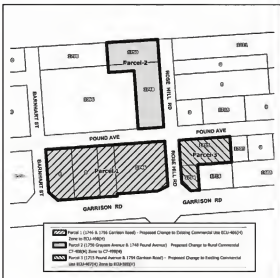
Parcel 2 from "Rural Commercial Holding (C7-408(H) Zone)" to "Rural Commercial Holding (C7-409(H) Zone)". The lands shall comply with the Rural Commercial (C7) Zone, except for the following special provisions:

- In addition to the permitted uses set out in Subsection 26.2, these lands may also be used for refurbishment of goods and storage.
- "Goods" are defined as electronics, toys, tools, house furnishings, white goods and lawn and garden items.
- A minimum front yard setback of not less than 6.73 metres.
- No outside storage of goods, materials, waste materials, finished or unfinished products, equipment or parts shall be placed, kept or allowed on the site.
- A maximum of 24 tractor-trailer parking spots be provided on the site.
- The existing concrete fencing can be used for screening.
- Notwithstanding (d) outdoor storage of materials in tractor trailers for a period of up to 30 days shall be allowed on this parcel.
- Notwithstanding the requirements of Parking Area Requirements 6.20(a)(vi), the truck parking area may be gravel.

Parcel 3 from "Existing Commercial Use Holding (ECU-408(H) Zone)" to "Existing Commercial Use Holding (ECU-500(H) Zone)". The lands shall comply with the Existing Commercial Use (ECU) Zone, except for the following special provisions:

- These lands may be used as a parking area for automobiles associated with the existing commercial use on Parcel 1.
- The existing building located on these lands can be used for clinics, customs brokers, personal services shops, retail stores, spa services, studios or veterinarian clinics.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014
CAROLYN KEIT, TOWN CLERK



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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES INC.

OWNER: IRMA GIBSON 3265 HIGH ROAD

FILE # 350309-0363

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 19-14** on the 10th day of February, 2014 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 19-14 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above as follows:

Part 1 from "Rural (R) Zone" to site specific "Rural (RU-494) Zone". These lands shall comply with the "Rural (RU) Zone, except that the minimum lot area shall be 1 hectare.

Part 2 from "Rural (RU) Zone to site specific "Rural Holding (RH-495(H) Zone". Once the Holding has been removed, after submission of an Archaeological Assessment to the satisfaction of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, these lands shall comply with the "Rural (RU) Zone, except that the minimum lot area shall be 1 hectare.

Part 3 from "Rural (RU) Zone to site specific "Rural Holding (RH-496(H) Zone". Once the Holding has been removed, after submission of an Archaeological Assessment to the satisfaction of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, these lands shall comply with the "Rural (RU) Zone, except that the minimum lot area shall be 15.3 hectares.

The subject land is also the subject of approval of an Official Plan Amendment, File No. 2003-02-0002.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014

CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK



- ☐ Select Lands - 3265 High Road
- ☒ Part 1 - Rural (RU) Zone to Rural (RU-494) Zone
- ☒ Part 2 - Rural (RU) Zone to Rural Holding (RH-495(H)) Zone
- ☒ Part 3 - Rural (RU) Zone to Rural Holding (RH-496(H)) Zone

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LOWEST BUDGET INCREASE IN 8 YEARS FOR FORT ERIE RESIDENTS

At the February 10, 2014 Regular meeting, Town of Fort Erie Council approved the 2014 Operating and Capital Budgets. The Operating Base Budget of \$20.56 million came in at less than 2013 figures, mainly due to an increase in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding agreement with the Province. Additional Supplementary Budget requests, that were approved, increased the final General Levy to \$21.5 million.

What this means for the median Town of Fort Erie household (assessed at \$177,550):

- Increase to the Town portion translates to a 2.72% increase (for Town services only)
- Total estimated "all-in" tax increase including the Region and Education portion is **0.93%**
- Monthly impact on the total property tax bill for a median household is **\$2/month and \$24/year**

Supplementary Budget items that Council did approve for 2014 include funding for the South Niagara Hospital, Capital Reserve funding and enhancements to the service levels for our parks, cemeteries, beaches and trails that will help build for the future and improve our quality of life. Council also restored the annual investment of \$800,000 in roads rehabilitation, funding for the Kinsmen Pool, Library part-time wages and benefits that will result in restoring services that were previously lost, funding for an Integrity Commissioner and removal of the Bay Beach concession stand. A complete listing of the Supplementary Items, totalling \$984,029, can be found on the Town's web-site.

Council has also ensured that funding for the new South Niagara Hospital will continue based on the creation of a new South Niagara Hospital Reserve.

The Capital Budget of \$7.5 million includes key projects for 2014 such as the replacement of heavy rescue equipment used by the Fire Department, Ryan Avenue Upgrade, Thunder Bay storm sewer and Schooley Road storm sewer outlet and drain. A number of additional municipal drains will also see capital works completed in 2014 including Beaver Creek South Branch and the Mann and Zavitz Municipal Drains. The Crystal Ridge arena will see its roof replaced and a study initiation for the installation of solar panels. Water capital projects include watermain work on Bellevue Boulevard, Hendershot Street, Hershey Street, Mathewson Avenue and Ridge Road South. A number of Fleet vehicles are also scheduled for replacement in 2014. Funding for the Central Avenue Bridge replacement was removed from the Capital Budget as it has been deferred by the Region of Niagara with construction to take place in 2015.

For further details on the budget approval process, visit the Town of Fort Erie web-site at www.forterie.on.ca and click on the budget banner.

2014
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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND
TOWN OF FORT ERIE

FILE # 350309-0372

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 28-14** on the 10th day of February, 2014 under Section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 5th day of March, 2014, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

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An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-Law, describing the lands to which the By-Law applies will be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-Law applies is shown above. The complete By-Law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca**.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 28-2014 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Institutional (I) Zone" to site specific "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-501) Zone".

The Lands shown on the location map are zoned site specific "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-501) Zone". These lands shall comply with the "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-501) Zone, except for the following:

a) The lands may only be used for the following uses:

- Single detached dwellings
- Semi-detached dwellings
- Street townhouse dwelling
- Apartment house
- Assisted living house
- Any purpose permitted by "Section 31.2 Permitted Uses" in the "Institutional I Zone"

b) The maximum building height of street townhouse dwellings and block townhouse dwellings shall be 1.5 storeys.

c) The provisions of "Section 15.3 Regulations for Apartment Dwellings and Second Level Lodging Houses" shall apply to the any apartment house or assisted living house located on the lands.

d) The provisions of "Section 31.3 Regulations for Institutional Uses" shall apply to any Institutional use located on the lands.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

The subject land is also the subject of approval of an Official Plan Amendment, File No. 350302-0065.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014

CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK



Port 1 - Institutional (I) Zone to Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-501) Zone

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P 13, ss.17(23), O.Reg. 543/06

APPLICANT: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (NCDSB)
AND TOWN OF FORT ERIE

FILE # 350302-0065

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 27-2014 being a by-law to adopt **Amendment #21** to the Official Plan for the Town of Fort Erie Planning Area, on the 10th day of February, 2014 under Section 22 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 5th day of March, 2014 a notice of the appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.



Change from Institutional to Site Specific Policy Area 17

The proposed Official Plan Amendment #21 is exempt from approval by the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing a Notice of Appeal.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of Amendment No. 21 is to amend the Town of Fort Erie's Official Plan to change the land use designation of the lands shown on the map above from "Institutional" to "Special Policy Area 17" to redesignate the site to Urban Residential permitting institutional uses in the existing buildings or additions thereto.

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT

Information pertaining to the proposed Official Plan Amendment application and the adopted Official Plan Amendment #21 is available at the Clerk's office and the Community and Development Services Department during regular office hours, and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

An application for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. 350309-372, was approved by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie on February 10th, 2014.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 13th day of February, 2014.

CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P 13, ss.17(23), O.Reg. 543/06

APPLICANT: IRMA GIBSON

FILE #: 350302-0082

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 1B-2014 being a by-law to adopt **Amendment #19** to the Official Plan for the Town of Fort Erie Planning Area on the 10th day of February, 2014 under Section 22 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **5th day of March, 2014** a notice of the appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies.

Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment #19 is exempt from approval by the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing a Notice of Appeal.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of Amendment No. 19 is to amend the infilling policy in Section 4.6.3(a) of the Town of Fort Erie's Official Plan as it applies to the lands shown on the map above and limit the development of the lands to permit a maximum of three dwelling units or lots in accordance with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT

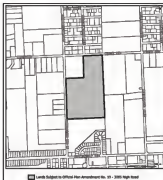
Information pertaining to the proposed Official Plan Amendment application and the adopted Official Plan Amendment #19 is available at the Clerk's Office and the Community and Development Services Department during regular office hours, and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

An application for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. 350309-363, was approved by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie on February 10th, 2014.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 13th day of February, 2014.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P 13, ss.17(23), O.Reg. 543/06

APPLICANT: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (NCDSB)
AND TOWN OF FORT ERIE

FILE #: 350302-0084

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 20-2014 being a by-law to adopt **Amendment #20** to the Official Plan for the Town of Fort Erie Planning Area on the 10th day of February, 2014 under Section 22 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **5th day of March, 2014** a notice of the appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment #20 is exempt from approval by the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing a Notice of Appeal.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of Amendment No. 20 is to amend the Town of Fort Erie's Official Plan to change the land use designation of the lands shown on the map above from "Institutional" to "Special Policy Area 16" to redesignate the lands to Urban Residential permitting institutional uses on the subject lands.

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT

Information pertaining to the proposed Official Plan Amendment application and the adopted Official Plan Amendment #20 is available at the Clerk's Office and the Community and Development Services Department during regular office hours, and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

An application for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. 350309-371, was approved by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie on February 10th, 2014.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 13th day of February, 2014.

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Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FILE # 350309-0371
AND TOWN OF FORT ERIE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 21-14 on the 10th day of February, 2014 under Section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 5th day of March, 2014, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.



■ Institutional (I) Zone to Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-497) Zone

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 21-14 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Institutional (I) Zone" to site specific "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-497) Zone".

The Lands shown on the location map are zoned site specific "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-497) Zone". These lands shall comply with the "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1) Zone, except for the following:

- The lands may also be used for any purpose permitted by "Section 31.2 Permitted Uses" in the "Institutional I Zone", and
- The provisions of Section 31.3 Regulations for Institutional Uses shall apply to any Institutional use located on the lands.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

The subject land is also the subject of approval of an Official Plan Amendment, File No. 350302-0084.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014

GAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

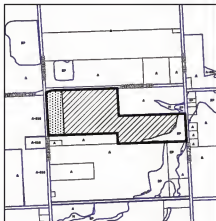
NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: R. BRIAN MILLER (AGENT) FILE # 350309-0375
OWNER: BRAD PETTIT AND SUZANNE HEMMINGSEN
1514 HOUSE ROAD

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 17-14 on the 10th day of February, 2014 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 5th day of March, 2014, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.



■ Subject Lands - 1514 House Road
■ Part 1 - Agricultural (A) Zone to Agricultural (A-482) Zone
■ Part 2 - Agricultural (A) Zone to Agricultural (A-482) Zone

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 17-14 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above as follows:

Part 1 from "Agricultural (A) Zone" to site specific "Agricultural (A-482) Zone" subject to the following special provisions:

- Notwithstanding the regulations of "Section 7.4 Regulations Except for Kennels, Farm Product Outlets and Greenhouses and Greenhouse Production Outlets and Farm Winery", the lands shown as Part 1 shall have a minimum lot area of 4.1 hectares

Part 2 from "Agricultural (A) Zone" to site specific "Agricultural (A-483) Zone" subject to the following special provisions:

- Notwithstanding the regulations of Section 7.4 Part 2 may only be used for Agricultural purposes.

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Meteors host Kids' Night

Bring the youngsters and cheer on the Fort Erie Meteors during the junior B team's annual Kids' Night.

The Meteors are offering free admission to their game against the Buffalo Regals on

Saturday, Feb. 15 as part of the team's Kid's Night which kicks off at 7:15 p.m. at the Fort Erie Lelsureplex.

"We're hoping people can come and support the team and bring a canned good for C O P E (Community Outreach Erie) in exchange for free admission," team owner Tony Passero said.

Passero said the event will include favourites such as the puck toss and the shoot-o-rama.

For \$10, fans will be able to purchase a program with tickets inside that will give them the opportunity to win prizes.

In past years, Passero said prizes have included DVD players, T-shirts, Sabres tickets, hockey equipment and Meteors' season passes.

Passero said fans of the junior B

team can expect to see an action-packed game against Buffalo.

"We've always had really close games. This year we just happen to have the upper hand," Passero said.



The Meteors stand 4-0 in their series with Buffalo in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League Golden Horseshoe Conference.

"We look forward to playing them

(Buffalo) and we love it when the fans come out to watch us."

Passero said Kids' Night is an opportunity for families who don't normally attend hockey games to attend and learn more about the team.

"It's really a great night for everybody," Passero said.

"When the players skate on the ice and they see 400 to 500 people in the building, it really makes them excited," he added.

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Meteors lose battles with Thorold and Welland

Bernd Franke
CMI Agency Niagara

With a 3-2 loss against the Thorold Blackhawks Saturday, the Fort Erie Meteors hoped for better luck when they visited the Rose City to face the Welland Junior Canadians Sunday night.

Bryan Komasa, a one-time Fort Colborne Pirates forward who started the hockey season playing junior A in Boston, didn't leave his scoring touch behind in the move back to the Golden Horseshoe Conference.

Picking off where he left off last season when he netted 43 goals for the Pirates, Komasa had a hat trick Sunday night to lead the Canadians to a 6-2 victory over the visiting Meteors.

The three markers gave the Youngs Insurance Junior Canadians a 3-0 lead and extended the final-year forward's streak of scoring at least one goal to four games.

Komasa has 12 goals and four assists in 10 games

since his rights were acquired from Port Colborne for cash and two prospects just before the junior B trade deadline.

Cole McKnight, Miller Hatten and Brayden Stortz, who took over as the team's top scorer with his 19th of the season, rounded out the scoring as Welland won its fourth in a row and earned at least a point in its last 10 games.

The whistle-to-whistle win, scored before an announced crowd of 429 at Welland Arena, improved the Junior Canadians' record to 26-14-0-6 and moved the team three points ahead of the Thorold Blackhawks in the to finish third in the conference.

Welland outshot Fort Erie 50-21 as it completed a sweep of the season series with the Meteors, six games to none, 12 points to two. Braden Kavaratzis and Richard DeMarco scored for seventh-place Fort Erie, which fell to 12-27-0-5.

Jeffrey Heartwell went the distance between the pipes for the Junior Canadians,

while Meteors starting goal-tender Liam Conway, who began the season in Welland, was replaced by Matt Baker after allowing five goals and 36 shots.

Welland went 2-for-8 on the power play; Fort Erie, 0-for-3.

The Meteors' hit the road Tuesday to face Buffalo. Results were not available before press time but they are available online.

There are only four regular season games left in the season. The Meteors will host Buffalo Saturday night at 7:15 p.m. at the Lesluxplex.

They go on to host Caledonia on Feb. 17. They hit the road on Feb. 20 to compete against Thorold and return home on Feb. 22 to host St. Catharines.

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COLLIN STACHURA Special to The Times

Fort Erie Meteors' Braden Kavaratzis celebrates his game-tying power-play goal with teammates, early in the third period. On Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisurplex where the Meteors lost 3-2 to the Thorold Blackhawks.

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Although several causes are possible including stress, anxiety or anger, researchers have shown that a poor occlusion of the jaws could be the most probable cause of this health problem. The consequences of bruxism are numerous: premature wearing or abrasion of the teeth, headaches, chronic facial pain, sleep disruption and many others.

When bruxism becomes serious and causes damage or pain, it is time to seek help as, without professional assistance, the symptoms are sure to deteriorate rapidly.

A FEW TIPS

Try the following before taking the bit between the teeth...

- reduce stress levels;
- reduce consumption of foods containing caffeine such as coffee, chocolate or soft drinks;
- avoid chewing on objects other than foods (pencils for example);
- relax the jaw muscles before going to bed.

If none of these tricks work and you are grinding your teeth as much as ever, you will have to consult a dentist. This professional will be able to make you a protective dental appliance called a splint to be worn throughout the night and which will protect your teeth during episodes of teeth grinding.

Physical exercise in your workday

Human bodies are made to move. All it takes are a few minutes of physical activity every day to stay in shape and reduce the risk of illness.

At work, we can take "stretching" breaks during meetings or, if it's appropriate, suggest a "walking" meeting to your work colleagues so you can get some fresh air and exercise while discussing business. And there's no need to wait until the elevator is out of order before using the stairs. Other people can be

encouraged to exercise by placing a notice at the bottom of the stairs suggesting they walk up rather than using the elevator.

We could also profit from replacing the coffee break with a walking break and by contracting abdominal and back muscles when working at a computer. What's more, you won't make physical activity one of the objectives of your work team?

Getting to work on foot or by bicycle is another great way of staying in shape while economizing on gas consumption and giving a helping hand to the environment. You have to take the bus or the car because of the distance involved? You could always get off two stops before your destination or park the car a ten minute walk away from the office.

For other tips on how to get moving, you can visit the Web site of the Public Health Agency of Canada at www.phac-aspc.gc.ca.

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A basic rule: get moving!

How do you reenergize yourself while burning off some calories? The answer is simple: get moving!

Playing a sport is a sure way of staying in shape as it will burn fat reserves, increase the body's metabolism and keep your body trim. Exercise also helps to regulate appetite and contributes to general good health.

Not a sports fan? It doesn't matter! Many activities, which at first glance seem insignificant, can make a big difference. These include playing

actively with the children, gardening, dancing and even shopping. Not to mention the unavoidable task of housework. Boring? Not if we turn it into an intensive workout. That's right, cleaning the house can also be profitable for your figure! By using the entire body, housecleaning activities can burn calories as much as a walk - as long as you put your heart into it.

Lastly, to use your time efficiently, try to be active on a regular basis and exercise on an empty stomach to encourage your body to use up more of your fat reserves. You could also combine several activities to develop all the different muscles in your body. For example, combine an endurance sport such as cycling or swimming with a daily activity you enjoy. Even hugging a loved one can burn calories and that should make anyone want to get moving!

Your best way of burning calories: participate regularly in physical activities you enjoy and which can be fitted into your schedule.

A healthy man is twice the man!

Whether it's caused by fear or modesty, many men often hesitate before consulting a doctor about small health problems. Tossed by wives who laugh about their "man-size" colds, men secretly accumulate supposedly insignificant health problems. So, before these problems become more serious, do something about them!

First of all, as well as harming your general health, weight gain can seriously influence your physical condition. You run the risk of feeling more tired on a daily basis because of the excess weight. This fatigue can provoke digestive problems, insomnia, and moodiness, not to mention affecting your performance in bed. What's more, several heart problems are caused by excess pounds and a sedentary lifestyle. It isn't normal to live with disturbed sleep patterns, and gastric troubles or to be constantly in a bad mood. These are all symptoms of a more serious problem which you should talk about with your doctor.

Baldness is hereditary, so many men cannot escape it. However, hair loss can be forestalled by using appropriate products. But remember: hair will never grow back no matter what product you use. Above all, avoid wearing baseball caps all the time. You can also try food supple-



ments designed for hair or add vitamins B5, B6, B8 and H to your diet. These are perfect for a healthy head of hair as well as for your skin!





Taking your health TO HEART

Lower the volume and avoid hearing loss

When your son or daughter is listening to their iPod with earbuds, can you hear the music? It might be annoying, but it might also be dangerous for your child. Hearing specialists have noticed an increasing tendency toward temporary or permanent hearing loss in young people who listen to music on iPods and MP3s at volumes that exceed safe levels.

Sound levels are measured as A-weighted decibels (dBA). Below 70 dBA, sound is not a risk factor in hearing loss, even with exposure over an extended period of time. At this level, the volume of sound can be compared to the noise heard in a car travelling on a highway, with the windows closed and the radio switched off. But when sound reaches 85 dBA or more, the risk increases with the length of the period of exposure. That is why many companies use this figure as a reference level when limiting exposure to noise in the workplace.

In concrete terms, that means that listening to hard rock for 10 minutes at 102 dBA or being exposed for 6 hours at 86 dBA can lead to serious hearing loss, possibly permanent. In order to reduce these risks, music has to be kept at a safe volume.

Keep in mind that if a person one metre away from you has to shout to be heard, the sound level is probably higher than 85 dBA. Now, there's a statistic that everyone should hear!

Are young people listening to too much loud music? Consult a specialist if your teenager shows signs of hearing loss.



Staying healthy means staying independent

Independence means being able to do what you want when you want. As we age, physical activity is an essential factor in staying healthy, independent, and maintaining a good quality of life.

According to the World Health Organization, 60 percent of seniors are inactive. A sedentary lifestyle can result in deterioration of bone density, muscular strength, flexibility, and cardio-respiratory capacity. In fact, physical inactivity can be as damaging to our health as smoking; now there's something to think about!

It's never too late to become more active. What's important is to start gradually. A few short exercise sessions during the day are as effective as a prolonged session. A healthy diet will also help you to maintain your muscular strength, your immune system, and your balance. Avoid skipping meals, as this can cause weakness and dizziness and increase the risk of falling.

Another important point to keep in mind is safety. Untreated hearing and vision loss can be dangers during physical activity. Always wear prescription and sun glasses and hearing aids. If necessary, think about using a walking stick or even a walker. Make sure either is properly adjusted to the end of your walking stick to prevent it from slipping. In short, take good care of yourself because a lot of people care about you!

As we get older, physical activity is essential in order to stay independent and healthy.



Good for the morale

Are you feeling down? Try raising your spirits by choosing healthy foods that boost your serotonin levels and get you feeling good again.

Serotonin is a neurotransmitter that regulates several body functions, including the gastrointestinal system, and that also holds the key to our mood. Flax seed, wild fish, free range meat and eggs, huckleberry, and bananas are good ways to naturally boost your serotonin levels. Some say that foods with high carbohydrate content, such as pasta, rice, potatoes, and couscous can also help fight the blues — especially if combined with exercise.

Women who suffer from the discomforts of premenstrual syndrome are often advised to take vitamin B6 supplements. Research has proven that a B6 deficiency is associated with a decrease of serotonin in the brain, resulting in a feeling of depression and irritability. In order to get enough of this vitamin, women's diets should include plenty of meats, fish, nuts, grains, as well as wheat germ and legumes. Stress, which increases magnesium loss, can also lead to mood sensitivities. That means that having fun, laughing, and exercise can help you feel better too.

Good old comfort foods are also great quick-fixes for your mood. Some of your grandmother's pancakes with maple syrup or your aunt's homemade chicken soup might help you to feel better for a while. If you have a sweet tooth, make sure your portions of cookies and cakes are small and that they're eaten at mealtimes instead of as snacks.

Add sunshine to your day by choosing foods known for their anti-depressant qualities.



Goodbye elevator - hello stairs

We all know that physical activity improves our health; the more regular it is, the more beneficial the effects. Since, on average, we spend two thirds of our lives at work, it is important to find ways to incorporate it into our daily schedule.

Using the stairs can make up a big part of the 30 minutes of physical activity that we need every day. Did you know that climbing stairs allows us to burn twice as many calories as going for a walk? It increases cardio-respiratory endurance and improves muscle strength in the legs as well. Just think: climbing two flights of stairs every day could help you lose approximately 6 lbs per year. Six flights every day could melt off 18 lbs.

Several studies show that the risk of suffering a stroke is lower in individuals who are in the habit of using the stairs. Other studies found that workplace physical activity programs where employees were encouraged to use the stairs helped develop good working relations, camaraderie, and team spirit.

If you're just spent a stressful fifteen minutes debating a point with a colleague, why not use your coffee break to climb a few flights of stairs. It's a great way to reduce stress and find your composure.

Another plus to stair climbing is that it's often faster than waiting for the elevator, especially at busy times of the day. There's nothing to stop you, there's no special equipment is required, except for two legs and some determination. Get ready, get set, start climbing!

Using the stairs can increase longevity; another good reason to stop waiting around for the elevator!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 13

TEEN BOOK GROUP

What are you reading? Come chat about the books that are keeping you on the edge of your seat and make some new friends in the Teen Area at the Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch. Snacks available. Free. 3:30 p.m.

AMAZING GRACE

This biography/drama tells the story of William Wilberforce, the great British anti-slavery activist. Working with John Newton, slave ship captain turned repentant priest who penned "Amazing Grace," Prime Minister William Pitt, and Olaudah Equiano, the erudite former slave turned author, Wilberforce fights indifference and opposition determined to keep their exploitation safe. Nevertheless, Wilberforce finds the inspiration in newfound love to rejuvenate the fight with new ideas that would lead to a great victory

for social justice. 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19

RESEARCH AND RENOVATE

historic homes. Keith Overend presents information on finding out about and fixing historic homes, the difference between renovation and restoration, and tips on his years of experience. A joint program with the Bertie Historical Society. Free. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge branch. 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25

FREEDOM BOUND

Lezlie Harper, former resident and descendant of a freedom-seeker who settled in Fort Erie, visits the Fort Erie Public Library to talk about the history of the Underground Railroad in our community and our region.

Celebrate black history month with us. Free. Centennial branch. 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27

FREEDOM BOUND

Music, food, friends, games and chat for teens at Fort Erie Public Library Centennial branch's teen lounge. 3:30 p.m. Free.

ONGOING

SOCIAL GROUP

Drop in for a warm beverage and some lively conversation the first and third Tuesday of every month. 10 a.m. to noon. Bridges Community Health Centre, Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Rd. No registration required. For more information call 905-871-7621.

VALENTINE CRAFTS

at Fort Erie Public Library. All ages are invited to drop in for a free Valentine's craft. Stevensville branch: Feb. 13, 2 to 3:30 p.m.; Crystal Ridge branch, Feb. 13, 2 to

8:30 p.m.; Centennial branch, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MAGIC TREE HOUSE

Read a book about Jack and Annie, do an activity, and collect passport stamps. For Grades 1 to 5. \$2. Registration not required. Fort Erie Public Library, Crystal Ridge branch: Feb. 4, 4 p.m.; Centennial branch: Feb. 20, 4 p.m.

LEGO CLUB

All ages are invited to join the Make It: Lego Club! Work together with others to create a Lego masterpiece! Parents are encouraged to stay through the meetings and build with their kids. Duplo also available. \$2; no registration. Fort Erie Public Library, Stevensville branch: Feb. 5, 4 p.m.; Centennial branch, Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m.; Crystal Ridge branch: Feb. 22, 2:30 p.m.

GROCERY STORE TOURS

Discover how to make healthy food choices, read labels and shop on a budget. Offered by Bridges Community Health Centre Fort

Erie. Tours will be scheduled based on expressed interest. Call 905-871-7621 for more information.

BORN TO READ

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READY TO READ

Join us for reading, writing, talking, singing and playing - the five fundamental skills that get children Ready to Read! For children ages 1.5 and up. \$2 per session. Pre-registration not required. Fort Erie Public Library, Centennial branch, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.; Crystal Ridge branch, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

DIABETES HOT TOPICS

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. March 6, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dental Care and Diabetes, with dental hygienist, Nancy Pierce. Call Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie at 905-871-7621 for more information.

BRAIN EMPOWERING

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Dated this 6th day of February, 2014.

David James Lillie, Estate Trustee by his solicitors
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THE BERT MILLER NATURE CLUB OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the members of THE BERT MILLER NATURE CLUB OF FORT ERIE will be held at the clubhouse of the Fort Erie Conservation Club, 2555 Ott Road, Stevensville Conservation Area, Stevensville, in the Town of Fort Erie, Ontario, on **Monday, the 17th day of February, 2014, at 7 p.m., for the purposes of**

- Considering the financial statements of the Corporation for the financial year that ended September 30, 2013;
- Electing the Board of Directors and the officers of the Corporation; and
- Dealing with such other business, if any, as may be properly brought before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors February 3, 2014

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH CHARLOTTE AN EVERETT
also known as BETTY EVERETT

All persons having claims against the Estate of ELIZABETH CHARLOTTE AN EVERETT, who was known as BETTY EVERETT, late of the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on the 13th day of October, 2013, are notified to send particulars to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of March, 2014, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claims the undersigned will not then have notice.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2014.

Dennis Mark Seaman and Jane Anthony, Estate Trustees by their solicitors
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ALEXANDER STEVENSON

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Dated this 6th day of February, 2014.

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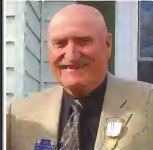
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HARTMAN, James Arthur - On Friday February 7, 2014 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in his 86th year. Beloved husband for 55 years of Margaret (Panson). Dear father of William "Bil" Hartman (Diane) of Stevensville, Dale Lucas (Paul) and Bev Blair (Dor) all of Fort Erie. Beloved grandfather of Jillian (James) Scott (Michelle), Kati (Greg), Dayna (Will) and Bryan (Jackie). Great-grandfather of 11. Predeceased by his sister Patricia Luberts whose husband John resides in Ridgeway, grandson Kevin Hartman and great grandson Thrus Grelowski. James was a Canadian Customs Officer at the Peace Bridge for more than 30 years. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and wood carver. He was a proud founding member and past president of the Stevensville Conservation Club and a member of the Stevensville Carvers Club. Above all he was devoted husband, father and grandfather. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner St., Fort Erie, has been entrusted with funeral arrangement. Cremation has taken place. A family service with close friends will be held on Monday February 10, 2014 at 2 p.m. at St. Johns Stevensville United Church, 14789 Sodom Rd., Stevensville, ON. Entombment of the ashes will follow at McAfee Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy donations to the Stevensville Conservation Club would be appreciated. Condolences at www.bennerfuneralservice.com

Johns, Thomas P. (75) Dr. of Ophthalmology (retired) of Buffalo, Fort Erie and Beloit, Wisconsin. Passed on January 30, 2014 in Wausau, WI. Tom had remained in care since an auto accident in November 2012. Predeceased by his loving parents Wm. Bil & Rhoda Johns of Fort Erie, ON, his brothers Wm. Jimmy and Mark and his sisters: Belle (John) Craft and Rhoda (late Albert) Mangos. Beloved brother of John Barton-Johns, David (late Patricia and Ginette) Johns, Judi (Wayne) Spear and Richard "Joey" (Violet) Johns. Tom is survived by over 2 dozen nieces & nephews and nearly 40 great-nieces & great-nephews. He will be missed greatly by many dear friends in the Niagara and Beloit areas. A family service will be held at McAfee cemetery for both Tom and his sister Rhoda Mangus, in the Spring. Memorial donations to the Diabetes Foundation or the S.P.C.A. would be appreciated by the family.

MORRISON, John J. - With heartfelt sorrow the family announces the passing of John at his home, as per his wishes, on Saturday, February 8th, 2014. He was the beloved husband and best friend of 34 years to Nancy (Bean). Loving father of Michael (Colleen) and Daniel and loving step-father of Derrick Ulvich and Craig (Paul). Cherished grandfather to Eric, Cory, Heather, Amanda and Tyler. He was predeceased by his mother Gwen and step-father Bill Whitney and his beloved pet Casey John retired from Ontario Northland and he was part owner of North Bay Outfitters. He had a magnetic personality and was respected in the community. A funeral service will be held at the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, 1200 Premier Rd., North Bay on Saturday February 15th at 10 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations to the North Bay Humane Society or SPCA (cheques only) in memory of John will be gratefully acknowledged. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **HILLSIDE FUNERAL SERVICES**. Online condolences can be made at www.hillsidefuneral.ca

LUCAS, Robyn Nicole - Peacefully at home on Monday February 3, 2014 at the age of 32. Beloved daughter of Riendy and Marilyn Lucas and cherished sister of Ryan (Katherine). Dear aunt to Riley and Carrie. She was sadly missed by her Grandma Grace Lucas, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Robyn was predeceased by her sister Andrea (1979). **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Visitation was held on Friday February 7th from 11 am until service time at 12 o'clock in the Williams Chapel. The family requests that donations be made to the March of Dimes in lieu of flowers.



MCKINLEY, Glenn Lorne - Peacefully at his residence, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday February 4, 2014. Beloved husband of Maxine. Dear father of Michael McKinley (Mary Beth) of Fort Erie and Linda Francis (Mollie) of Brantford. Loved grandfather of Dodie (late Bob Barker), Carrie (Scott), Michael Jr. (Lesley) and Clinton (Heather). Great-grandfather of Oriana, Peyton, Ella Rose, Sophrona, Emmelia, Austin, Hunter, Morgan, Camryn and Bradyn. Also Surviving are many nieces and nephews and his dear friend, Chris. Glenn was a dedicated employee for 29 years with the Town of Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Rd., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 7-9 p.m. There will be a service in the chapel on Saturday February 8, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at McAfee Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences at www.bennerfuneralservice.com

WESTCOTT, Spencer - Peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Tuesday, February 11th, 2014 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy. Sadly missed by his good friends Diane and Garth Cuffie and their sons Josh and Luke. Spencer will be remembered by many from his days working at Ridd's Products, Fort Erie. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 10 am until service time at 11 o'clock in the Williams Chapel. Interment will follow at Overholt Cemetery. Donations can be made to Greater Niagara General Hospital Foundation.



PIEHL-BREITKREUZ, Irmgard Olga - Passed away on Friday, February 7, 2014 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie. Predeceased by her husband the late Gerhard Piehl (1985) and her second husband Paul Breitkreuz (2003). Loving mother of Eva Gutbrod and her husband Karl of Fort Erie and the late Esther Alice Piehl (1974). Dear grandmother of Carl Christopher Gutbrod and Esther Larissa Cammarini (Scott). Great-grandmother of Brianna Kate, Abigail Lauren and Emma Raine. Surviving are her sisters Traute, Herta, Ruth and Ursula. Predeceased by her sisters Emma & Alois and her brothers Harry Rudy and Helmut. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie, has been entrusted with the arrangements. Friends are invited to meet with the family at First Baptist Church, 165 Berlie St., Fort Erie, on Wednesday February 12, 2014 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The funeral service will then follow in the sanctuary beginning at 11:30 a.m. Interment for the immediate family will follow at McAfee Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Gideons, Canada Blind Mission or Samaritan's Purse would be appreciated. Condolences at www.bennerfuneralservices.com



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